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Arrest of Mr. Manoranjan Gupta.

*2025 Q.—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Police and 25 constables at Bezwada arrested Mr. Manoranjan Gupta, a member of the All-India Congress Committee and an ex-detenu under Bengal Regulation and took him and his articles away to the police station, at one o'clock in the night without any warrant, under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gupta had come to Bezwada a few days back only to organize agencies for the Bengal Life Insurance Company but had done no political work of any kind either at Bezwada or in any part of the Madras Presidency;

(c) whether it is a fact that Mr. Gupta was lying down in a friend's house on the night of the arrest suffering from 102 degrees fever and severe cough;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. Basu in whose residence Mr. Gupta was arrested offered to give bail for Mr. Gupta's attendance at any court on any day for any trial but that the police refused to take the bail and carried Mr. Gupta in a very bad condition of health to the police station and locked him up;

(e) whether the police acted like that under any orders or instructions from any magistrate and if so, who that magistrate is;

(f) whether the articles and papers of Mr. Gupta were carried away to the police station without giving any receipt, though demanded by Mr. Basu;

(g) whether the police acted under the instruction of the Government of Madras or Government of Bengal and if so, whether the Government will place the instructions on the table of the House;

(h) whether it is a fact that the same Police Inspector arrested Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti also without any warrant under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, at the railway station at Bezwada at 4 a.m.; and

(i) what are the circumstances under which Mr. Gupta has been arrested?

A.—(a) to (c), (g) & (h) The hon. Member is referred to the answers to clauses (a) to (c), (h) and (i), respectively, of question No. 2024 (starred).

(d), (e), (f) & (i) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clauses (d), (e), (f), (g) and (j) of question No. 2024 (starred).

Publication and sale of the Police Manual.

*2026 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Police Manual is not available for sale to the public;

(b) whether it is also not available to the Members of the Legislative Council; and

(c) if so, for what reasons?

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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the Police Order Book. That is not available for sale to the public. It contains only orders and instructions for officers of the department.

(*b*) & (*c*) A copy will be placed in the Legislative Council Library.

Circumstances leading to the arrest of Mr. Sambamurti.

*2027 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the information said to have been called for in the answer to question No. 1723-B answered on the 14th March 1929, regarding the circumstances in detail of the arrest of Sjt. Bulusu Sambamurti has come;

(*b*) if so, what it is; and

(*c*) if not, why it has not been obtained?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following is the full answer to question No. 1723-B (Starred):—

(*a*) On the Bezwada Railway Station platform.

(*b*) At 4 a.m. on 7th February 1929.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. Such action was unnecessary as the ladies already had male escort.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise.

(*g*) The report received is not clear on this point and further enquiries are being made.

(*h*) He is reported to have, prior to his arrest, urged his audiences to go to Madras and take part in the boycott and defy any prohibitory orders that might be passed against them.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know who were the male members present with Mr. Sambamurti at the time of his arrest?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have no information. The information contained in the report is given in the answer."

Legal opinion regarding the arrest of Mr. Sambamurti.

*2028 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the speeches of Mr. Sambamurti were referred to the opinion of the hon. the Advocate-General to find out whether they came within section 124-A or 153-A, Indian Penal Code, and if so, on what date;

(*b*) whether all or some of those speeches were also tendered as evidence against Mr. Sambamurti in his recent trial under section 108, Criminal Procedure Code;

(*c*) whether the Government will place a copy of those speeches on the table of this House;

(*d*) what opinion the Advocate-General gave and in what date it was received by the Government;